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TO AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 06189 ACTION SECSTATE INFO SANA  
JIDDA MUSCAT ABU DHABI TEHRAN KUWAIT APRIL 20.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 06189

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PGOV YS

SUBJECT: FCO ON PDRY (SOUTH YEMEN)

REF: LONDON 5031

1. DURING VISIT OF NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS TO  
LONDON, FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY WEIR AND HEAD OF  
FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT, LUCAS, BRIEFED US APR 18 ON PDRY  
(SOUTH YEMEN) AS FOLLOWS: WEIR STATED THAT THE FCO  
REGARDS THE PDRY REGIME AS A SOVIET SATELLITE IN ALL BUT  
NAME. SALEM RUBAYI ALI APPEARS TO BE DISCREDITED, SINCE  
ABDUL FATTAH ISMAIL WENT TO THE REJECTION FRONT MEETING  
FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN ADDITION TO THE SOVIET BUILD-UP,  
THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 600-700 CUBANS IN SOUTH YEMEN NOW.  
LUCAS DOUBTED THAT PDRY HAD SIGNED A "BASE AGREEMENT,"  
BUT NOTED THAT THE REGIME HAS GRANTED SO MANY "FACILI-  
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TIES" TO THE RUSSIANS THAT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. EVEN  
THE KUWAITIS AND THE UAE HAVE BEEN PERSUADED NOT TO GIVE  
FRESH AID TO THE SOUTH YEMENIS; THE KUWAITIS WILL COMPLET  
TRANSFERRING ONLY WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE. WHEN THE  
PDRY'S ALI NASSER MUHAMMAD WENT AROUND THE GULF SEEKING  
AID, HE WAS TOLD NO MORE IS COMING. WEIR ALSO INFORMED  
THE U.S. OFFICERS THAT THE PDRY REGIME HAS JUST INFORMED

THE BRITISH THAT IT WISHES TO RECOVER THE EMPTY U.S.  
EMBASSY BUILDING IN ADEN.

2. WEIR SAID THAT THE PDRY REGIME HAD JUST SUCCEEDED IN  
PERSUADING SOME BRITISH LABOR PARTY MPS TO GO OUT AND  
VISIT ADEN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE COMMENTED THAT THE  
PDRY REGIME WILL PRESENT THIS AS A GESTURE OF BRITISH  
POLITICAL INTEREST, BUT THAT IT REALLY IS NOT. FINALLY,  
HE NOTED SOME REPORT FROM A YARG SOURCE THAT THE RUSSIANS  
ARE GOING TO TRAIN A BIG PDRY FORCE OF SOME 20,000.

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